

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday May 4th 2003

IRTS AGM

The IRTS Annual General Meeting took place on Sunday last, the 27th of April at the Green Isle Hotel, Dublin. The meeting was well attended and a positive committee report for the past year was presented by the outgoing president, Dave Moore EI4BZ. The various IRTS awards were also given out at the meeting. More information on awards will be announced in next weeks news.

Sean Donelan EI4GK was elected President and Sean Nolan EI7CD was elected to the position of Vice-President. Other committee officers are; John Ketch EI2GN, Pat Fitzpatrick EI2HX, Noel Walsh EI2JC, Thos Caffrey EI2JD, Brendan deHóra EI3GV, Peter Grant EI4HX, Paul O'Kane EI5DI, Stephen O'Leary EI6JA, Mark Condon EI6JK, Mark Wall EI7IS and John McCarthy EI8JA.

Committee Jobs will be allocated at the first meeting of the new committee, which takes place on the 17th of May at 11 a.m. in the Montague Hotel, Portlaoise.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The Shannon Basin Radio Club is having a meeting in the Royal Hotel, Roscommon Town on Wednesday next at 8.00 p.m.

2 Metre counties Contest

Participants in the Spring 2m counties contest which took place on Easter Monday should note that the closing date for receipt of logs is Wed 22nd May 2003. All logs must be e-mailed or post-marked by this date. Late entries will not be accepted.

The Contest Manager requests that you send your log as soon as possible so as to facilitate the timely preparation of the results. Your attention is drawn to Rule 8.2 of the counties contest, which requires a brief summary of the station location & equipment, final claimed score, names and callsign of ops and most importantly the section entered. Logs without this information are liable to be disqualified.

Logs should be checked for simple handwriting or typing mistakes which can lead to an unnecessary loss of points. Logs should be emailed to contests@irts.ie or

ei2jc@hotmail.com.

Postal logs should be sent to IRTS Counties Contest, PO Box 462, Dublin 9 or Noel Walsh EI2JC at QTHR. Logs received by email will be acknowledged soon after receipt, Postal entrants requiring acknowledgement should enclose a stamped addressed envelope or postcard.

Antrim and District Amateur Radio Society

Antrim and District Amateur Radio Society (GN4SIW) invites you to the Northern Ireland, Open, 80 metre ARDF Event on Saturday the 14th of June 2003 at the Crawfordsburn Scout Centre, Crawfordsburn Estate, Helen's Bay, County Down.

The event is open to all. You do not need to be a radio amateur to participate. The event will conform to the general principles of IARU events, but will be less formal than a Championship.

Further details can be found at on the clubs web site at www.gn4siw.co.uk or by contacting David Gi4FUM gi4fum@gn4siw.co.uk.

Dublin WAN Group

The Dublin WAN group, which are part of Irishwan, the non-profit computer network group, are having a meeting for the Dublin South East Region. The meeting will take place upstairs in Goggins public house in Monkstown on Thursday the 8th of May at 8 p.m.

The meeting is to discuss the installation of a repeater on Dalkey hill which will provide wireless internet access to the areas of Bray, Shankhill, Dun Laoghaire, Monkstown, Killiney, Ballybrack and Sandyford etc. This will expand the current coverage in the South East of the city from parts of Dun Laoghaire and Donnybrook. The group encourages Radio Experimenters and SWL's in the area to attend.

The South East Dublin group are already in discussions with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County council for access to their property on the hill.

The next monthly meeting of Dublin WAN will be on Saturday the 31st of May at 2 p.m. in the basement of the SPI Bar, 4 Eden Quay (Just off O' Connell Street.) Beginners to the areas of high speed data over radio are welcome. More details are available on the website at www.dublinwan.org

Cork Radio Club

EI5CRC/P was operated by Jeremy EI5GM, Finbar EI1CS, Chuck EI4IS and Stephen EI6JA from Farmers Cross, south of Cork City for the 2 metres counties contest.

The Cork ATV repeater, EI2TVR located at Spur Hill (south of the city) was recently received by Jim EI8IG in Helvick Head, Co. Waterford (a distance of over 40 miles). Reports to Aedan EI3EG. Preliminary testing has started on 2.45 GHz.

CW Field Day

The lack of support for CW Field Day was discussed at the recent IRTS AGM and among the options to revive it was a suggestion to hold a centralised event where individuals and groups would come together in a relaxed atmosphere to enjoy the weekend.

That option is now being offered to anyone interested in participating in this years CW Field Day over the weekend of June 7th and 8th. Courtesy of Paddy Maher EI3AV, a site is being made available in Cloughjordan in North Tipperary. Expressions of interest should be sent to Contest Manager Noel Walsh EI2JC at contests@irts.ie or on 087-2375982 (office hours) or to Dave Moore EI4BZ as soon as possible.

This proposal is designed to give single operators, who would not normally have access to a group, a chance to participate in the Field Day. Existing groups are of course very welcome to travel and to operate independently.

The exact format will depend on the level of interest expressed but as its all happening in five weeks time, an early response would be appreciated. Non-operators who wish to travel to help with set-up etc. are also very welcome.

DX News

4Z4DX, will be active on 160 to 6 metres CW and digital modes as 9N7DX from Nepal from until the 12th of May.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded Mark Wall EI7IS. He can be contacted on 087-6302026. News can also be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

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